



108 Main St Carver MA 2330

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Meeting Minutes

Date: June 24, 2013 **Time:** 6:00
Agenda (exhibit A)

Members Present: Chairman Will Sinclair, Vice chairman Johanna Leighton, , Secretary Robert Belbin, Brian Abatiello, 1 vacant Gov. appointment.

Members not present: Public Present: Jack Hunter Town Planner.

Meeting opened by Chairman Will Sinclair at 5:02pm

Item #1 Reorganization

Position as Chairman:

Motion Leighton to keep Will Sinclair as Chair.

Second by Abatiello

Sinclair: Motion made and seconded, discussion, hearing none all in favor say AYE

AYE: Sinclair, Leighton, Belbin, Abatiello 4-0-0

Position of Vice Chair

Motion by Leighton for Abatiello.

Second by Belbin

Sinclair: Motion made and seconded, discussion, hearing none all in favor say AYE

AYE: Sinclair, Leighton, Belbin, Abatiello 4-0-0

Position of Treasurer

Motion by Abatiello for Leighton

Second by Belbin

Sinclair: Motion made and seconded, discussion, hearing none all in favor say AYE

AYE: Sinclair, Leighton, Belbin, Abatiello 4-0-0

Secretary:

Motion Leighton to keep Belbin.

Second by Abatiello

Sinclair: Motion made and seconded, discussion, hearing none all in favor say AYE

AYE: Sinclair, Leighton, Belbin, Abatiello 4-0-0

*Sinclair gave all financial document to Leighton including checkbooks.

Item #2

Discuss and possible vote on request from Waterview village to fund gas hookup

Sinclair: letter from water view. Proposed natural gas to come into facility 55 plus community. problem with hook up fees. We have some money for blighted sites and redevelopment of sites.

Louise Azevedo: representing Water view village. The gas connection plumbing fees are a lot. different plumbers have varied cost. \$1000.00 fee for the gas company to start project per homeowner. Money to be returned after work done. Single income and women who live alone, people just getting by. The home needs to be re-piped.

Sinclair: so the issue is with hook up of has stove, heating system, water tank and dryer. Conversion kit needed. \$500-1000 could be more. the savings could be \$1500 \$2000 or more after conversion to homeowner.

Azevedo: we are looking for some type of grant for help.

Leighton: are we looking for a cut off amount?

Sinclair: are the residents reaching out to Nstar for help.

Azevedo: we are, they have help for heating and water.

Belbin: how many people we can help. Who are the needy.

Azevedo: maybe 10 people.

Belbin: what about one plumber to do the whole complex?

Azevedo: they wont do it. they had 3 plumbers come in, due to different types of designs hard to come up with cost. One actually backed out.

Belbin: have you checked with the plumbers union?

Azevedo: No.

Sinclair: we are looking at the infrastructure upgrade to the home. N star is going to bring it to the house.

Azevedo: yes, they are going to disconnect the propane then connect the meter. Nstar has there own schedule. meters to go in front or corner. follow the water line.

Belbin: what is the median income?

Azevedo: I don't know.

Sinclair: do you have a meeting with nstar or the residents? We need information on who will need the help. cost.

Azevedo: Not yet. but will have one.

Sinclair: say if 20 homes we decide 10000 and divide it evenly.

Hunter: will they be willing to pay it back if they are saving so much? Liek an interest free loan.

Azevedo: I don't know.

Sinclair: Maybe the 1000 might be an avenue we might take. put up the \$1000 up front cost.

Some people dont have credit cards.

Motion by Belbin to commit up to \$10,000.00 for waterview village for gas hookup to be decided by the RDA on how to divy up the monies to the residents of need or reimbursement.

Leighton: I like his motion but I want to see.

Sinclair: we need a second.

Leighton: I'm not going to say.

Seconded by Sinclair for discussion the problem with the motion is we are very, dont have any information. A motion on money is too premature.

Azevedo: I can only get you the information. We can talk to nstar.

in general the idea of this the commitment of this, I know he has a number in his head I know he, how we do it is very important. That the commitment.

Unknown Man: Without a commitment, we are getting people ready to drop out. They just don't have the funds. and we don't want to lose those people.

Sinclair: The intent is, I didn't see anyone from the board say no,no,no. The hesitancy of board members to second it, was the structure. It didn't seem that secure for me. It might be only 5 Families.

Unknown man: That you are considering, there is money available and how much money they need and how many people are we talking about. That in its self will give these people some satisfaction.

Abatiello: I just think giving N-star a number early in this,

Azevedo: I know once they lock in a fee that's it. You have to be careful with them. I am really guarded with them. there are people who truly need it and some that don't.

Azevedo: there are 64 homes, they needed to see 43 homes to make it worth wild.

Hunter: I have a connection with Nstar hes pretty up there. I may be able to push things along. They come before the Town a lot.

Belbin: I put in the motion "up to" or not use funds.

Sinclair: I think our intent is we do want to help them, but i think it is premature. Even though i agree with you its a great project.

Belbin: I don't want to lose anybody along the way.

Leighton: This is a project that needs to happen before the heating season come in?

Azevedo: this is a project that they wantto do it by august or the end of august

Motioned changed to: The RDA to committed to waterview village gas hookups and funds to be decided to devide monies for residents of need or financial assistance. or not to use funds and submit a letter of support.

Sinliar: we will submit a letter of support to N-Star.

Motion made and seconded, all in favor say AYE

AYE: Sinclair, Leighton, Belbin, Abatiello 4-0-0

Item #3

Discuss and possible vote on request from Crystal Lake Community Garden sub committee to fund tree removal.

Discussion on tree removal for Oak drive for a community Garden. The Sub-committee has estimate for \$3500.00 from cragowsky, guestament. Not written quote. Looking to clear the lot. discussion on grants and other monies for project. CPA eligible use. get trees down to get process used. keep some of the trees as a buffer. stump removal too.2 lots worth of trees.

RDA request 3 estimates to include Carver business'. Bring back to RDA for consideration. Not limited. In writing quotes. Include everything.

The members showed interest in this project.

Item #4

Discuss and possible vote on RDA's Position on alleged open meeting complaint

Sinliar: addressed at last meeting. This is solely to how we are going to respond. The only thing that we do fall into is the e-mail that Brian did was to respond. As a new member. a simple letter to AGO that we were in violation as a new member who hasn't been to a meeting yet. The other allegation I don't see anything in the OML that was a violation.

Johanna: Last meeting i did speak, i think it was hasty on bobs part. the new member really didn't have a handle on it. I've done that way back then until we found out that that

was wrong. Once he submitted it, it went to everyone. Bob was hasty, he should have done one of 2 things, Called you chair person or called Brian.

Abatiello: It was a mistake on my part. I thought i was being transparent. In my world i send it out to all member i am communicating with. That was a mistake on my part. In my defense I signed this with 2010 (form), I read this for 2013 (OML book). The wording on 2010 is different than 2013. I didn't think i was deliberating anything. I thought i was responding to Jack Hunters email on corrections of Aubuchons Hardware spelling. I looked at it and said up it looks good. It will never happen again.

Belbin: This has been happening for a long time, jack has been the in between person with e-mails and everything. I think that is wrong. If we need to have more meetings then we have to meet more often. The emails back and forth should be limited to only dealing with agenda issues and preparation of meetings. It has already been expressed that what Brian did was wrong. We not be talking back and forth when we are not in a meeting. The last meeting i did care for what you said about me. I didn't care for what you said about the OML. I think the OML is there for a reason. To be open and clear of what we do. When i told you there was a time frame when you have to submit a response, you said Will how are you going to pay for it. I felt that was threatening to me. Kind of a retaliation on me.

Sinclair: that is your opinion, i can respect that.

Belbin: you had 14 days to respond. you didn't respond. To technically you are in violation of the OML failure to follow the time line to respond. All i wanted was a response.

Sinclair: And the AGO will get that.

Belbin: Well you have to submit it to me too.

Sinclair: you will definately get one.

Belbin: to expend funds.

Sinclair: We will respond as a committee as one, we don't walk as individuals, I think your actions to be clear, because you felt that you didn't get your way on a project. That's fine. We have never ever gone down this road before. It appears this will be an ongoing thing. Thats fine.

Belbin: all i wanted is to make sure the emails, only to relate to the agenda for the meeting for the future.

Sinclair: can you explain to me , It says what it is the RDA. we try to implement every aspect of the OML end. that being said, I dont, if we are trying to do progress on a project that has worked on a project on wade st. with information that transpired over the internet, You did not think that was a violation of the OML. When you were given information back and fourth by a sub committee member.

Belbin: I was never called on it.

Sinclair: this is not a tit for tat. Knowing that what you did was wrong,

Belbin: Actually, At that time we did not know that was wrong. Sub-committees were included.

Sinclair: dont you know how frivolous this appears to be.

Belbin: no its not frivolous, because it brought up discussion. and it actually resolved it, its already been admitted to. Now we can move on everyone know what is required.

Brian: why didn't you just call me. reading the law is one thing, interpretation is another. Going right after my throat. It was a simple mistake. We are a partner her, and this is not a partnership. people going after people, This is an attack on me, to use your words. I don't appreciate it you putting words in my mouth. I didn't deliberate anything. Looks good. you go to the AGO. I think its ridiculous.

Belbin: I just want to make sure we continue to follow what's going on.

Abatiello: and we will.

Belbin: and i wasn't happy with the comment about numerous complaints about me about wade st. I went to 4 houses on wade st. And brian admitted he went to a lot more than 4. he went to some 50 houses. out of the 4 houses complained about me was the Boulays thats it. I went there 3 times (0 wade St).

Sinclair: the only reason i didnt bring it up back then was because

Belbin: yes you did.

Sinclair: i did not say the Boulays said bob was harrassing them. last week i did.

Belbin: yes you did.

Sinclair: you can prove that.

Belbin: You said numerous people complained about me. you said that, and clearly it wasn't me.

Sinclair: were all done.

Leighton: maybe we can use Jack to respond.

Belbin: its the Chairman who has to respond.

Motion by leighton new member, attended no meetings, he stated the spelling of aubochons, that he signed a form 3 year old. he wasn't deliberating.

Second, abatiello

Sinclair: Motion made and seconded, all in favor say AYE

AYE: Sinclair, Leighton, Abatiello 3-0-1 Belbin abstained.

Item #5

Discussion and possible vote on items for next agenda

No time

Item #6

Next Meeting

Sinclair: next meeting July 15, 2013 at 6pm.

Motion: by Leighton to have meeting July 15, 2013 at 6pm.

Seconded by Abatiello

Motion made and seconded, all in favor say AYE

AYE: Sinclair, Leighton, Belbin, Abatiello 4-0-0

Motion to adjourn by leighton

Seconded by Abatiello

Sinclair: Motion made and seconded, discussion, none. All in favor say Aye.

Aye. Sinclair, Leighton, Belbin Abatiello Motion passes unanimous 4-0-0.